meets in Austin May 8. After the congre-

pected to arrive in this city temorrow morning on rouse to Port Arthur. The city council met in special session today, but no business was transacted other than the reconstruction of commit-

es. Miss Matilda Fletcher lectured at the

together and is open to challenges from any aggregation of amareur baseball play-ers in either Louisiana or Texas.

CONTEST OF A WILL

GENERAL MEXICS SON WANTS HIS

He Claims His Sister's Influence on

Their Father Resulted in Ills

Practical Disinheritance.

SHARE.

Grand Lodge Will Not Be Permanently Located.

TEN NEW CHARTERS RECOMMENDED.

The Election of Orficers, H. P. Brow of Cleburne Grand Chancellor, Reports Rend and Adopted.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 21 .- Promptly at the hour for opening this morning, the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was called to order by Grand Chancellor Smith. The first business taken up was the report of the credentials committee, upon whose recommendation eight more past chancellors were admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge.

After preliminary and routine work, the hearing of reports was resumed. The judiclary committee submitted a report of the work performed by it since appointment at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge in Waco, in 1876. G. T. Harris of Denison duties of chairman. The report includes. The approval of the by-laws of twenty-seven lodges, of amendments to by-laws of fitty-one lodges. Opinions and decisions were rendered on fifty-five questions of law and tractice submitted to them. The committee also made supplementary reports on resolutions and Grand Lodge officers' reports which had been referred to it.

The application of Hiram Cohen for the past chancellar's rank was referred back for further information. The firance committee reported on mat-

lodges which have lost the old ones by

year and submitted appropriate the past which were unanimously adopted by a rising yets. Adjournment was then taken until 3 o'chees.

APTERNOON SESSION

indistrily on reconsection, the election of officers for the envelop year was held. which resulted as follows: Grand chanvice chancellor, D. B. Inaka of Curro. grand prolute; H. A. Birickland, Georgeof exchanger, F. W. Burger, Wasse grand master at arms, Bet. S. Rogers Breuham; grand liner grand, A. L. Jackson La-Grange; grand color guard, H. B. Switk, Temple, T. La Hachs, past grand chan-

CREDENTIALS COMMITTE REPORT Fort Worth, Texas April 15.- The folwere present and had filed it tials with the proper O'clock this evening J. H. Mellon, No. 12; George B. Jackson, No. 14; J. R. Frest, 11: George B. Jackson, No. 11: J. R. Fredlerfek, No. 21: W. W. McWilliams, No. 21: C. H. Smith No. 21: G. A. Balcom, No. 25: C. H. Smith No. 21: G. A. Balcom, No. 25: J. P. Shahnon, No. 27: George A. Cook, No. 23: Charles D. Grace, No. 41: George W. Lees, No. 42: H. Schwartz, No. 47: J. H. Burke, No. 23: J. J. R. Redder, No. 48: Porter Hail, No. 33: H. Hermschart, No. 34: Hebry P. Brüwn, No. 107: J. S. James, No. 115: P. G. Sullivan, No. 129: J. L. Ellert, No. 18. 11. Subserts, No. 41. 1 and notes and the state of the sides to the bundles of the State of

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. Cannon, Lone Star. No. 4; Oklahoma, W.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 21 .- Following are the principal features of the report of the supreme representatives:

CONDITION OF THE ORDER. The total number of subordinate lodges December 21, 1895, was 6504, and the total number of members thereof at the same date 464,539, a net gain during the year of 213 lodges and 7545 members, and a net gain during the years 1834-95 of 496 lodges and 20,024 members. The increase is creditable but for the suspension for not paying dues, which for the years 1894-95 were itable but for the suspension true dues, which for the years 1894-95 were 82,444 and the initiation for those two years 102,192. What an army we would have could the suspensions be stopped.

The cash receipts from the subordinate the receipts from the subordinate was above was

The cash receipts from the subordinate lodges for the two years as above was \$8,03,091.23, expenditures for relief \$1,309,274.13; subordinate lodge sasets \$8,019,711.65. The increase in the amount paid out for relief of brothers, their widows and orphans was \$115,000.62, and this great work still grows, and still the need increases! creases!

THE NEW STATUTES.

After an experience of two years under the new government it is apparent to all that the constitutional commission builded wisely when they cast off the garment to watco, in 1876. G. T. Harris of Denison was originally chairman of this committee until his death in June, 1856, after which F. R. Sherwood of Gainesville was appointed to succeed him, and assumed the duties of chairman. The report includes:

The approval of the by-laws of twenty-seven lodges; of amendments to by-laws of content of the logical seven lodges; of amendments to by-laws of content of the matter of systematic government. IMPORTANT CHANGES IN LAWS.

Paragraph 392 provides for the enactobordinate todge to be called "The countreacher. This period of the reparameter.

Paragraph No. 237 provides as follows:
"Each chacefor commander shall, upon application therefor, personally and orally communicate the S. A. P. W. to any member of the order who has attributed the rank

s a change in our grand statues tourie of Rathbone Sist hem conform to the law.

th No. 40), permyting the grand to communicate the semi-anterpolations this afternoon.

The logices of the months of

TWELVE MONTHS' RESIDENCE. In accordance with instructions from

Lodge, No. 48, Knights of Pythias, left

W. L. Blanton, No. 7; J. B. Burk, No. 55;

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Committee on mileage and per diem—B. L. Brown, No. 51; T. F. Berner, No. 18; J. T. Quick, No. 8; John S. Turner, No. 66; W. P. Gilbert, No. 149.

Committee on warrants and charters—J. L. Elbert, No. 142; S. G. Warner, No. 170; R. T. Hanke, No. 42; W. F. Stillman, No. 83; J. S. Bow, No. 559.

Committee on state-of the order—E. T. Hollis, P. G. C., No. 14; P. L. Downs, P. G. C., No. 50; Royal A. Ferris, P. G. C., No. 58; R. S. Legate, No. 22.

Committee on rules—S. N. Zewanski, P. G. C., No. 12; chairman; W. P. Savage,

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Committee on grievances—Wm. Aren. P. G. C., No. 10, chairman; J. M. Cook, No. 193; John S. Wiggins, No. 94; T. L. Blackwell, No. 157; O. A. Baleom, No. 28.
Committee on reports—W. Alex Abey, P. G. C., No. 26; F. W. R. Stearns No. 122; J. T. Cotton, No. 4; V. M. Vogetsang, No. 24; M. J. Wallace, No. 108.
Assistant to G. K. R. and S. J. K. Daughters, No. 22; official reporter, W. Alex Abey, P. G. C., No. 25.

RATHBONE SISTERS.

Annual Election of Officers by the

Grand Temple. Fort Worth, Texas, April 20.-The Grand Temple of Rathbone Sisters convened to the Pythian temple this morning with goodly number in attendance. The morning was occupied with Learing reports of officers and committees, and this afternoon the annual election of officers for

noon the annual election of officers for the ensuing year was held.

The following is the result: Mrs. J.
T. Cotton of Weatherford, grand chief, re-elected; Mrs. Sue V. Wood, San Antonio, grand senior, Mrs. Lula Thomas, Garland, grand junfor; Mrs. W. D. Taylor, Weather, ford, grand mistress of records and cor-respondence, re-elected; Miss. Cathleen Smith, Garland, grand manager, Mrs. Clara Knight, Waso, grand protecter; Mrs. Lo-gan, Dallas, ghard of outer temple; Mrs. gan, Dailas, guard of outer temple; Mrs. Eather Styron, Caburne, trustee for three years; Mrs. Emma Balcon, San Antonio.

to confer the degree upon several knights and visitors. At night another session of the same temple was also held for the same purpose.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 21.- The grand temple of Rathbone Sisters held their regular meetings today, closing their business

The business of the morning was princinual passward upon presentation of a property executed order therefor.

Paragraph No. 410, relative to charges against an officer of a Grand Lodge.

PAST CHANCELLOUS BY SERVICE.

The afternoon session was occupied with the installation of the officers elect for the ensuing year, and closing details of

ested by Mrs. M. D. Wood, supreme

coffee, which was greatly appreciated,

Hillsboro, Tours,

Hillshore Representation.

e case will be heard for the first time lodge, who were present by invital San An-The next session will be held at San Anat the coming May term of the Dallas coun-ty court. Long litigation is expected. Much interest in the result is felt by those ac-qualisted with General Mexia's history.

1000 Enights in attendance at the school

A Parmer Missing and Pears That He Is Dead.

LULING.

Luling, Texas, April 21.-The city is almost deserted today, the excursion trains over the Southern Pacific railway to Houston and San Antonio carrying out two full trains. The holhing is being generally observed, the banks and postoffice being closed and a number of picnics on the river in progress

had the old man been loft to make

at Pleasant Valley, Wilson county, roped a young steer and started with it to Stock-date. Several hours afterwards his horse

the persistent policy halders. A radical change has been maked in the shride change and hereafter the rank will pay to a suit-cide a proportional amount based on the shride change and hereafter the rank will pay to a suit-cide a proportion that the expectancy of life any hear to the whole expectancy of life any hear to the whole expectancy of life any hear to the shride has now carrolled under the tri-colored has now carrolled the new ritual and the same was adopted by an overwhelming vote. Since that the vate by which the ritual was adopted was not sufficient oveing in the provisions of the supreme lodge New in Session at Port Worth.

Fort Worth. Texas, April 20.—The supreme lodge of the undersity of the undersity of the life place of the ritual was adopted was not sufficient oveing in the provisions of the supreme lodge of the United Benevolent association opened its annual sessions this morning at 10 o'clock. This is a Texas o'claring band, Palestine Fire Department band.

Pert Worth. Texas, April 20.—The supreme lodge of the United Benevolent association opened its annual sessions this morning at 10 o'clock. This is a Texas o'claring band, Palestine Fire Department band.

Beeville.

Beeville. Texas, April 21.—The country commissioners med last Monday and are the first fraternal benevolant association authorised by the State. It was organized at Fort Worth October 21. 1805. and chartered November 7 next. The principal officers are in this domain.

ground. Jumping up he caught C. K. Cherry, a brakeman, sgainst the car, but Mr. Cherry was between his horns. The steer finally backed off for another rush, when Mr. Cherry dropped and escaped under the car, badly bruised up. This morning the steer was found some two miles up the track and it was hard to tell for an hour which was the hunted. He was finally taken in.

incets in Austin May 8. After the congregation meeting Bishop Kinsolving confirmed a class of nine.

There was no general celebration of San Jacinto day in this city, only the bank and postoffice being closed. This afternioon the Ladies' Cemetery association went out to Magnolla cemetery and decorated the graves in this naturally beautiful city of the dead. In connection with the decoration, impressive ceremonies that included an appropriate programme of music was had between the hours of 3 and 5 oclock. Another train of excursionista is expected to arrive in this city tomorrow. taken in.

Lee Moody, a jeweler here, accidentally pulled his pistol off the dresser in his room. It exploded, the ball striking his les six inches below the knee, fracturing the bone and lodging under the knee. It was cut out by Dr. Gilcriest.

THE HIGHER COURTS.

Third District Court of Appeals. Austin, Texas, April 21.-Proceedings of the court of civil appeals for the Third district today:

seating capacity of the church.

An Angel." was her subject. She argues that primarily he is and that it is his own fault that he does not so remain.

The baseball season will open at Blanchette park Sunday, Lake Charles to contest with the locals for the initial rub.

Manager Blanchette has now got his team together and is open to challenges from together and is open to challenges from Lewis, from Milam; Milam County Co-operative Cotton and Mercantile Alliance et. al. vs. Tennant-Stribling Shoe company et at., from Milam; Thompson & Co. vs. I. Heddenheimer, Jr., et al., from Travis, W. C. Barker et al. vs. W. R. Tow, from Liano. Reversed and remanded—J. M. Deward vs. Z. Barker, from Marion; J. N. Orce et al. vs. City of Henrietta, from Clay, Horace Oldham et al. vs. George Medearis et al., from Travis. This case is remanded with instructions to the court below to render judgment for an undivided one-half of the 240 acres in controversy. Rehearing granted—Oxee vs. City of Henrietta, from Clay.

Rehearings refused—William Clemens va. L. E. Welker et al., from McCulloch, Missourf, Kansas and Texas Ballway company w. U. L. Darlington, from Wilbarrier; St. Louis Southwesters Ballway commany from Milam; Thompson & Co. vs. 1.

s. W. L. Darlington, from Wilbarger; E. Louis Southwestern Railway company

St. Louis Southwestern Hairway
vs. J. A. Blackwell, from Hunt.

Motions granted—Houghton & Robinson
vs. J. C. Rogan et al., from San Saba, to
file new bond, and the clerk is ordered to
file band in this case and enter order of
approval; Gulf. Colorado and Satta Fe
approval; Gulf. Colorado and Satta Fe
approval; Gulf. Colorado and Satta Fe Dallas, Texas, April 21.-Clarence W. Mexia, son of the late General E. A. Mexia, Mexican statesman and ex-president of the Mexican National railway, has filed suit in the Dallas county court contesting the will of his father, General Mexia, who was a noted character, well known in both the the record in this case as requested in

a noted character, well known in both the United States and Mexico, died in the Mexican capital on September 19, 1806 Most of his immense fortune, as provided for in his will, reverted to his daughters, Inex and Adele. The value of the property in Texas owned by General Mexic is estimated at 1100,000. It consists of lands in Limestone, Preestone, Anderson and McLennan counties, and other realty in various portions of the State. In addition to this General Mexic left valuable property in New York City, mostly bank stock, and an im-

ons of the State. In addition to this Gen-al Mexia left valuable property in New ork City, mostly bank stock, and an im-ork City, mostly bank stock, and an im-substantial of the country across the state in the country across the son et al., Submissi Submission restoored—Eliza M. Shelburn et al. vs. Molora L. McCrocklin et al., from Falls, postponed to May 6. arence Mexia seeks to prove that his et r. Inex, exercised an undue fulluence this father just prior to his death and

Court of Criminal Appeals. Austin, Texas, April 21 - Proceedings of

we been practically disinherited.
Three grandchildren of General Mexia,
win, Inex and May lolasthe-children
(Clarence-reside in Dallis: Their father
also here at present, busily leaking afthe will contest. He has engaged comhe court of criminal appeals today: Affirmed Dave Taylor, from Robertson; I. C. Nichols, from McLennan; Bufe Martin, from Grayson; J. C. Harper, from Kaufman; ex parte Tom Bates, from Galtent counsel and will puss his claims veston.
The considerable vigor, Many questions from the tent to Mexico for his sisters to the considerable vigor.

Reversed and remanded—Joe Phillips, from Brown; John Ashwood, from Harris; Tom Oliver, from Sheby.

Reversed and dismissed—A. B. McKfe, from El Paso; Bill Folls, from Erath; Oscar Duddey, from Falls.

In the habeas corpus case of ex parte W. S. Ellis from Falls, relator is ordered discharged.

charged Rehearings refused—Frank Golin, from Harris; Arthur Morris, from Stephens.

WALLISVILLE.

Trinity Rising-Heavy Shipment of

Wallisville, Texas, April 19.-The Madi-

Killed by Palling Tree. Crosby, Texas, April 10.—Mr. Charles dartin was killed asar here totay by a ree falling on him. Mr. Martin came tree falling on him.

W. O. W. Monument. San Diego, Texas, April 20.-The Woodmen of the World unveiled the monument of Antonio Rosalis Sunday evening at o'clock. There was a large crowd at the cemetory. This was the first unveiling that ever occurred in San Diego. It is estimated that there were 1500 people pres-

SAN JACINTO CELEBRATED. Much in Little

Victoria Piremen Surpassed Their Previous Efforts.

BIG FIREMEN'S PICNIC AT NAVASOTA.

Was Observed as Decoration Day at Waco-Business Houses Generally Closed for the Holiday.

Victoria, Texas, April 21.—San Jacinto day was befittingly observed by the firemen of Victoria, whose annual celebration on this day has become of more than local Affirmed-Charles P. Kellogg vs. A. J. fame. Fully 500 visitors from adjoining towns and several thousand Victorians ritnessed the parade in town and the festivities at the Schurtzenverein grounds. The parade, while not as large as last year, had an additional feature in the trades' display, comprising about a dozen floats, besides the handsomely decorated private vehicles.

There were all kinds of games and race, at the grounds. All places of business losed at noon. The celebration concluded ith an entertainment at the opera house followed by a ball and another at the Casino. It has been a gratifying success.

AT NAVASOTA.

Fire Department Gave a Big Picate.

Navasota, Texas, April 21.-This was ruly a gala day for the people of this city and county, and there were many visitors from peighboring towns. The occasion was a grand pionic given under the auspices of the Navasota fire department.

The morning dawned bright and falr, though a little too windy for delicate perfectly lined with bustling, crowding humanity, bent upon viewing what proved to be see of the leveliest and well arranged 1: F. U. N. ciub; hose company No. 1; Pierian club; sponsor hose company No. 2; hose company No. 2; P. Y. W. ciub; spon-sor hose company No. 3; hose company No. 3; public school children; citizens in car-

arer an extensed marric traoliga the principal atters the paralle disbanded and the crowd made their way to the fair grounds. At 11:30 Chief of Department Nerwood introduced Hen. J. McDonald Meachum, the orator of the day, who held Reversed and remanded—Joe Phillins.
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Tom Brown; John Ashwood, from Harris;
Tom Oliver, from Shelby.
Reversed and dismissed—A. B. McKie.
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ora Froehlich, sponsor for hose company

No. 2, and Miss Bessie Evans, sponsor for hose company No. 3.

Captain Gordan then responded to the speech of Mr. Meachum on behalf of the fire department and also made the presenven autmals were slaughtered for the

Mier dinner the J. M. Shaw Rifles put up a splendid exhibition drill and the bal-ance of the evening was spent under the direction of the amusement committee with races, greasy pins and polls, while the inclined went to the baseball game,

At Brenham.

Brenham, Texas, April 21.-Washingto amp No. 275, United Confederate veterans elebrated San Jacinto day with a grantenie at Fireman's park today.

o'clock and was headed by the Second

being the celebration by the Weimar fire department. Columbus fire department. came up in good shape and participated. The procession was really the best for years, but not the largest. Everything was beautifully descrated and the mecanitie interests were represented in the line by many decorated wagons and foats, while the scene representing the capture of Santa Anna at San Jacinto and the Daughters of Texas took the cake. A grand ball tonight at the payllion winds no the

eine ever contained so great so small space. They are

ways efficient, always sat-isfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsayar

a fine dinner was apread and where a school pupils rendered an appropria programme.

At Taylor. Taylor, Texas, April 21.-The varie fire companies, the schools and quite large number of citizens celebrated & Jucinto day on the San Gabriel ripe, few miles from the city. The posters banks and a number of business bon have closed their doors.

At Bryan.

Bryan, Texas, Texas, April 21.-813 b cinto day has been observed here at a pa-eral holiday. The banks and schools we closed and plenicking was the order of the Decoration Day at Wass.

Waco, Toxas, April 21.-Pat Chapter camp of the Confederate organizates this city celebrated decoration day be, with the usual ceremonies. At Rice. Rice, Texas, April 21.-San Jacints in

as observed by a school plenie at Mape, MONUMENT UNVEILED

ERATE DEAD. Iwenty Thousand People Witness the Imposing Ceremonies-Many Veterans Were Present.

SHERMAN'S TRIBUTE TO COMPED

She-man, Texas, April 21.-The day wa propitious for the grand event, witnessed Shorman by 20,000 spectators. The for Confederate monument ever crected by eremonies and with civic and million display. There were in the line of the procession 2000 people, represented in secret organizations, military companies an tudents of the colleges. Salutes of hour were fired by the Hemming Guards at cadeta from the military college. The oration of the day was a master

effort by General T. N. Waul of Had The exercises were under the auspice

the local camps of United Confetent Veterans and Daughters of the Confeten

sception committees made the sur-cept visitor a pleasant one. Nearly req imp United Confederate Veterans in Dewas represented at the unveiling

Stamp Collectors' Convention San Antonio, Texas, April 21.-The in nnual convention of the Texas Philips ation was held here today, will se attendance of stamp collectors in and adjoining States. Many rare if adjoining States. Many fare in suppression of the state of the state sures taken to advance the his-philatelists and to prevent a b

de all francis.

following officers were elected.

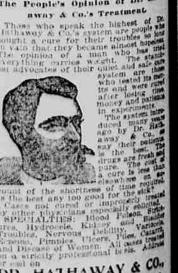
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for the provident, Otto Stocket of second vice treatlent, W. B. Birder of San Antonio; secretary, Education of San Antonio; treature, Gerlich of New Braunfels.

Gerlich of New Braunfels. and next convention will be held in No.

Dallas, Texas, April 21.-It was believe ere today that the president would so The procession boran to move at 10 closes of the second to procession boran to move at 10 closes and was headed by the Second Techniques and Verlinder and V o the senate the nomination of Mrs. Nat ionston Morrow as postmaster at Ablico



strictly professional be DR. HATHAWAY & CO.

festivities.

At Halletsville,

Halletsville, Texas, April 21.—San Jaccinto day was kenerally observed here. The public schools closed and the teachers, children and many of the citizens apent the day in Henke's grove near town, where